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BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF
LIEN HO PAO REPORT OF SHIH K'O-MIN'S INTERVIEW WITH A
"SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE" MENTIONED
REFTEL;

"A SENIOR DIPLOMAT OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DISCLOSED THAT SO FAR THERE IS NO DEFINITE AGENDA
FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH PEKING LEADERS
DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING THIS AUTUMN, NOR DOES
THE PRESIDENT EXPECT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON ANY
SPECIAL MATTER. THIS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
SAID IN HIS INTERVIEWS WITH THIS LHP REPORTER THAT
IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE US AND THE ROC WILL
MAINTAIN THEIR FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS
BECAUSE THERE IS NO SPECIAL ISSUE IN THEIR RELATIONS
FOR THE TIME BEING."

"AS TO THE REPORT BY THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT
MAGAZINE THAT A WHITE HOUSE SOURCE POINTED OUT
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PRESIDENT FORD ORIGINALLY WAS SCHEDULED TO

DISCUSS ABROGATION OF THE SINO-AMERICAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY DURING HIS PEKING VISIT BUT IT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES IN SE ASIA, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID THIS WAS UNRELIABLE AND GROUNDLESS SPECULATION."

"THIS SENIOR DIPLOMAT DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF US-PRC DIPLOMATIC TIES. HE SAID THIS SEEMED TO BE A GOAL SET IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. HE ALSO SAID EVEN IF THAT HAPPENS, THE US WILL STILL REGARD THE ROC AS A FRIEND AND CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. HE THOUGHT THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE ROC."

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